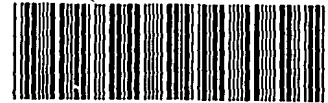


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- I ☒ Basis of the report
- II ☐ Priority
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- IV ☐ Lack of unity of invention
- V ☒ Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI ☐ Certain documents cited
- VII ☐ Certain defects in the international application
- VIII ☐ Certain observations on the international application

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-29, 31, 32	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-29, 31, 32	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-29, 31, 32	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations

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Claims 1-29, 31 and 32

None of the documents cited in the international search report, except for documents 1 and 2 from the same applicant, discloses a process for manufacturing a group III nitride semiconductor substrate which includes a step of forming a group III nitride semiconductor layer including voids, on top of a film containing a metal element, and in contact therewith.